

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 SECOND SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 332

5 Introduced by Beutler, 28

6 PURPOSE: The goal of this interim study is to examine ways in
7 which to improve the Campaign Finance Limitation Act.

8 The Campaign Finance Limitation Act has been in place,
9 without any major changes, since 1992. In subsequent years,
10 several unsuccessful attempts have been made not only to strengthen
11 the act, but also to eliminate it entirely. The United States
12 Supreme Court has recently addressed the issue of campaign finance
13 reform. In analyzing the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002
14 (also known as the McCain-Feingold bill), the United States Supreme
15 Court in McConnell v. FEC provided guidance that can now be used to
16 draft constitutionally sound campaign finance laws at the state
17 level. Finally, several members of the Legislature have suggested
18 that the issue of campaign finance reform should be studied in
19 detail before the Legislature moves forward to amend the Campaign
20 Finance Limitation Act.

21 It is the intent of the Legislature that this interim
22 study will produce a workable proposal for updating and
23 strengthening the Campaign Finance Limitation Act.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
25 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

26 1. That the Government, Military and Veteran Affairs

1 Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an
2 interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

3 2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its
4 study make a report of its findings, together with its
5 recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.